

Scottsville Planning Commission

Regular Meeting

Monday, June 1, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Victory Hall

401 Valley Street

Scottsville, Virginia

Members:

James V. Kerlin, *Chair*

Jaclyn Garet

William S. Hyson

Stuart C. Munson

Ronald L. Smith

Minutes

1. Call to order – Mr. Kerlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Establish a quorum – Mr. Hyson, Mr. Kerlin, Mr. Munson, and Mr. Smith were present. Also in attendance were Town Administrator George Goodwin and Town Clerk Amy Moyer.
3. Review and approval of meeting minutes of February 2, 2015 - Upon a motion by Mr. Munson, seconded by Mr. Smith, the minutes were approved.
4. Matters not on the agenda from the public – No one from the public wished to speak.
5. Discussion of parking at Dollar General, 969 Valley Street.

Mr. Goodwin explained that some tractor trailers cannot properly enter the Dollar General and have been turning onto Route 6 and backing across Route 20, creating a traffic hazard. VDOT has suggested alterations to the entrance to make it easier for trucks to pull into the lot and back around without being an expert driver.

Mr. Hyson asked if VDOT foresaw this. Mr. Goodwin replied yes, the plan on paper works, but the driver pool varies.

Mr. Goodwin said that VDOT looked at the site and recommends removing the throat and bringing the curbing back so that drivers can pull in and back into the loading area successfully. The bollards, water meters, and sprinkler system at the entrance will be moved. Mr. Goodwin explained that these alterations will result in the unavoidable loss of three parking spaces, breaking the zoning ordinance requirements for the number of parking spaces available for a store of that size.

Mr. Hyson asked if VDOT is asking for this. Mr. Goodwin replied yes, VDOT is asking for this, and it is a public safety issue. Mr. Goodwin noted that there is a similar issue at Paulett's, and the parking lot at the Dollar General has been difficult to use from the start

with the parking spots near the entrance making it hard for two cars to pass.

Mr. Goodwin commented that some people may continue to park in this area, and Dollar General may block the area with cones on delivery days to prevent that. He has not issued a permanent certificate of occupancy pending screening of the overflow cart storage area.

Mr. Goodwin noted that Paulett's is making similar changes to its entrance to address difficulties with tractor trailers and customer traffic, opening the throat of the front entrance at VDOT's recommendation, with a rear entrance to Mountain Vista Road. The alterations will result in a net gain of two parking spots.

Mr. Hyson asked if Planning Commission review is required for the back entrance. Mr. Goodwin replied no, it was there since Paulett's was built but has not been utilized until now. Mr. Goodwin explained that a large tree was removed at the front because it was blocking the line of sight and would have died from cutting into the roots for the curb work.

Mr. Goodwin then provided updates on potential upcoming applications.

6. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.